

Board of Selectmen

Chuck Cunningham - Chairman
Steven Lewis - Vice Chairman
Dale Harmon
Russell Pinkham

Town Manager

Daniel Bryer Jr.



**Town of Boothbay
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
6:00 PM
MINUTES**

Recorded meetings located at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/boothbay> for more in depth discussions.

Present: Chuck Cunningham, Steve Lewis, Dale Harmon, Russell Pinkham and Town Manager, Dan Bryer Jr.

Chuck called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Hearings: None

Approve Minutes: None

Reports:

The Business Office sent out our first round of reminders for taxes today. Tim Pinkham and Dicky Spofford are riding up to Canada to check out the new fire engine, he believes they are a couple of months out from being able to bring it home. Supply issues have caused the delay.

Dan was approached by a parent / baseball coach about a possibility of getting a rec team back on the peninsula and playing at Clifford Park. He told them he believed the board would back him on getting T-ball or anything else on the field to make it a success. The score board is there, conduits are there to add more lighting if needed. The two Masonic Halls are going to supply the foul polls and they will have a plaque showing they donated them like he plans to do for all of the other organizations as well.

Dan would like to see it get busy. He remembers when he used to have to sit with coaches to come up with a schedule for the field because it was being used daily. It would be a great place to have tournaments and the pavilion can be used for fundraising. We have a full commercial kitchen, a hot dog steamer, popcorn maker and nacho machine.

Dan is looking into timed locks for the bathrooms so they are closed at night. We have six security cameras to keep an eye on things.

Dan has placed an ad for an Assistant Code position. He is going to run the ad for four weeks and is hoping to find a suitable candidate.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Boothbay Community Benefits – Nell Tharpe from East Boothbay is here to update the Board on the New England Aqua Ventus (NEAV) project. They are waiting on permitting and manufacturing. The project off Monhegan is a single turbine to test the University of Maine designed platform and only the platform. They should know more by the fall and get a tentative timeline. They are asking for a Selectperson from Boothbay to work with a Selectperson from Boothbay Harbor to be the point people on this. Trish Warren has been attending the meetings and taking the information back to the Harbor's Selectboard. They would like the towns to work together on whether it would be a joint package or if both towns or if both towns want to do something separately. They want a package to present to NEAV when they are ready to move forward with the project. They meet the first Thursday of the month. Chuck

thought it was a much bigger project by what was being said before. She clarified all of the cables need to be run and the turbine is needed to be able to do the testing. It needs to go live. They usually have a representative at the meeting if anyone has questions. Dale said they will get someone to the meetings beginning in May.

Quitclaim Deed – Sally Daggett has done all of the research on a pretty robust quitclaim deed for the town. It was quite a bit more complicated than normal. Steve is surprised that the property has 15 years of history. Dan said if the deed isn't clean it can take years to get to the point that they can put it up for public auction to get it back on the tax rolls.

Steve makes the motion to approve the signing of the quitclaim deed for Joan Fuqua Cutney.
Dale seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Appointment of the Registrar of Voters – This is Tracey Hodgdon Hyson's annual appointment.

Dale makes the motion to appoint Tracey Hodgdon Hyson as the Registrar of Voters for the Town of Boothbay.
Russ seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.

Public Comment: None

Review Warrants and Sign:

Chuck made a motion to review the warrants and sign them upon review. Russ seconded the motion.
Vote: 4-0 in favor

Adjourn Meeting: Chuck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve seconded the motion. Vote: 4-0 in favor.